THE COLLEGE OF CHARLESTON
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Minutes of the Committee on Academic Standards, Admissions and Financial Assistance

February 17, 1988

Members Present: Jim Anderson, Hugh Haynsworth, Tom Langley, Michael Katuna, Susan Morrison (chair), Ike Stoneberger.


The meeting was called to order at 3:05 p.m.

Minutes of the January 27 and February 2, 1988 meetings were approved.

Discussion of the proposed Alternatives to Language Study program for learning disabled students was continued from the last meeting. Prof. Andy Abrams explained the legal responsibility of the College. He said that we must provide reasonable accommodation for identified learning disabled students. This does not mean the accommodation should be less rigorous, but a higher standard cannot be required. Prof. Abrams emphasized that reasonable accommodation is not clearly defined and there is not a great deal of legal precedent to provide guidelines. He personally thought that it may not be reasonable to require that courses be taken only after approval or to require that only College of Charleston courses be included in the program. He stated that any approved program should be public, but it need not be advertised.

After considerable discussion, the ASC decided to amend the statement in the memorandum from Prof. Pincus, then send the revised statement to the Language Department for comment before final approval. After final approval, the entire Learning Disabilities program will be presented to the faculty for their information. The following amendments were passed by voice vote:

1) Include the following statements under item IV. Exceptions/Alternatives of the suggested program.

"No course taken as part of any other minimum degree requirement may also satisfy a part of the Alternatives to Language Study program."

"The Alternatives to Language Study program is a twelve credit hour requirement and may not be partially satisfied by foreign language courses not included in the program."

2) Note all courses listed which have prerequisites with an asterisk and include the statement:

*See the bulletin for prerequisites.

A motion to send the amended statement to the Language Department before final action by the ASC was approved by voice vote.
Mr. Bill Anderson, Registrar, reported that [redacted] had failed to pay for summer courses in four different years. After the first occurrence, he was reinstated and received credit for the course. Thereafter, as per the standing policy of the Registrar, he was not reinstated. The ASC promptly denied [redacted] petition to be receive credit for a Summer, 1987 course which he had attended without paying the appropriate fees.

The petition of [redacted] who has earned 43 credit hours at the College, to transfer up to nine hours to the College during his last 37 hours was denied by a vote of 5 to 1.

A change in the method of calculation of the major grade point average for mathematics majors, as proposed by the Mathematics Department, was discussed. The change involved omitting a number of lower level mathematics courses from the calculation. No action was taken, pending a recommendation of a date for implementation from the registrar.

Grades required of provisional students for admission as undergraduates were considered. The discussion, prompted by a memorandum from Prof. Caroline Hunt, centered around the transcript of one student. Mr. Bill Anderson indicated that this student's grade label was incorrect and Dean Lindstrom had been provided with the student's correct grade report. Based on the corrected grade report, the student met the required standard.

The meeting adjourned at 5:05 p.m.

Submitted by,

W. Hugh Haynsworth